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## Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

MINUTES  
October 23, 2013

### I. Roll Call:

Present: Kamden Berry, Ned Chester Esq., Dalene Dutton, James Foss, Jacinda Goodwin, Sheriff Randall A. Liberty, Pender Makin, Lisa Sandy, Jonathan J. Shapiro, Patrick Walsh, Barry Stoodley

Absent: Mark Boger, Richard Brown, Abby Comee-Court, Nickole DeMerritt, Joseph Fitzpatrick, Amber Heikkinen, Carla Knapp, Hon. Charles LaVerdiere, Margaret Longworth, Tessa Mosher, Christian Muhitira, Dan Nichols, Christine Thibeault Esq., Dr. Lindsey Tweed, Noël Bonam

Staff: Kathryn McGloin, Juvenile Justice Specialist, Ryan Andersen, Compliance Monitor, Jason Carey, Staff Assistant

Guests: Justice Wright, Student at the Real School, Anna Black, SAMHS (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services)

The JJAG Meeting was called to order by Ned Chester Esq., JJAG Vice Chair, at 9:16 A.M. Ned asked for introductions at the beginning of the meeting.

### II. CJJ Membership (Dues):

There was discussion on the renewal of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice dues. Members commented on the benefits of the membership citing having a national voice and opportunities for collaboration with other states. Members also believe that a membership adds to the collective voice on juvenile justice issues. Dalene Dutton provided information on the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice. She offered that these two bodies complement one another.

**Motion:** To approve \$5,000 JJAG spending on CJJ Membership (dues)

**Moved:** Ned Chester/Jonathan Shapiro/Patrick Walsh

**Action:** Approved

### III. Vice Chair Report – Ned Chester Esq.:

Members had a copy of the final report from the technical assistance provided by Dr. Lisa Hutchinson of Development Services Group. Ned suggested that we review the report at this meeting and begin work on Dr. Hutchinson's recommendations at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Structure of the JJAG, committees, budget, a refocusing of goals and energy and work on finalizing budget will begin after the Group is clearer on its future in this new financial climate.

Members were provided a financial packet with available funds and options that might be used to dispense the funding. For federal FY 2012 (\$400,000) and 2013 (\$404,145) there is a combined budget of \$788,350 available to the JJAG. (\$15,795.15 has been used to cover an overage in the Planning and Administration line for 2011.) In the past, one year of funding was held back until the next award was received. For example the 2011 funding is encumbered, the 2012 award has not been used and the 2013 award has just been received. FY 2014 funding will be awarded in early fall of 2014, if funding is available.

The JJAG funded seven programs this year – Penobscot Boys & Girls Club, Broadreach Child & Family Services, Five Town Communities That Care, Penquis CAP, RSU #23, Coobscook Community Learning Center and Trekkers. This fall the disproportionate minority contact data collection and analysis will be funded as well. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention require states to provide new data every three years.

The basic operating cost of the JJAG is \$145,000 per funding year. This includes Planning and Administration (10% of total award), a State Advisory Group Allocation (5% of award), and monitoring for compliance to the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Act.

Three options for JJAG funding (combining 2012 & 2013 awards) were presented for discussion (includes basic operating costs).

**Option 1 – Full funding** of current subgrantees (a second year). The remaining balance is \$186,700.

**Option 2 – 50% funding** of current subgrantees (for six months) and full funding of DMC Coordinator, Misc. and American Indian Pass through. The remaining balance is \$342,525.

**Option 3 – Zero funding** of current subgrantees (except DMC Coordinator, Misc. and American Indian Pass through). The remaining balance is \$498,350.

To help the Group make a good decision Kathryn will request subgrantees provide a one page document to include a description of the program, data and responses to the three funding options outlined above.

The JJAG is required to pass through funds to American Indians.

The State must remain in compliance with the core requirements of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Act:

Pursuant to Section 223(a)(14) of the JJDP Act, the state must provide for an adequate system of monitoring jails, lockups, detention facilities, correctional facilities, and non-secure facilities to ensure that the core protections are met.

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**Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO).**

Pursuant to Section 223(a)(11) of the JJDP Act, the state must develop a plan that provides status offenders and nonoffenders are not placed in secure detention or secure correctional facilities except as allowed under the exceptions set forth in Section 223(a)(11)(A).

**Separation of Juveniles from Adult Offenders.**

Pursuant to Section 223(a)(12) of the JJDP Act, the state must develop a plan that provides juveniles alleged to be or found to be delinquent and status offenders shall not have contact with an individual who has reached the age of full criminal responsibility under the applicable state law and has been arrested and is in custody for or awaiting trial on a criminal charge or is convicted of a criminal offense.

**Removal of Juveniles from Adult Jails and Lockups.**

Pursuant to Section 223(a)(13) of the JJDP Act, the state must develop a plan that provides no juvenile shall be detained or confined in any adult jail or lockup, except as *OJJDP's Guidance Manual for Monitoring Facilities Under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (revised January 2007)* allows.

**Disproportionate Minority Contact**

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 2002 requires states participating in the Formula Grants Program to "address juvenile delinquency prevention efforts and system improvement efforts designed to reduce, without establishing or requiring numerical standards or quotas, the disproportionate number of juvenile members of minority groups who come into contact with the juvenile justice system" (section 223 (a)(22)).

**IV. JJAG Retreat:**

Ned led the Group in a short review of Dr. Hutchinson's Report.

Jacinda spoke about ground level connections between the JJAG/DOC and DOE as the JJAG grows and changes hoping that other similar connections are made as well.

An in-depth review of the Report will take place at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Kathryn will request that Dr. Hutchinson return to facilitate the 9 to 4 meeting.

**V. Election of Officers:**

Dalene Dutton stepped in for Carla Knapp to lead the elections. Nominations from the floor were opened. None were received. Carla nominated Barry Stoodley to serve as the Chair, Ned Chester as Vice Chair, and Mark Boger and Paul Vestal for the two at-large seats on the Executive Committee.

Members unanimously voted the following:

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*Barry Stoodley, Chair*  
*Ned Chester, Vice Chair*  
*Mark Boger & Paul Vestal, At-large Executive Committee*

**VIII. Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 AM.

**The next meeting will be December 4th, 2013 at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.**